

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY - FAQ

1. Program Website Information <http://dacc.nmsu.edu/radt/>

2. Contact Information (Program Director/Advisor)

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3. Nutshell of what is needed to apply (GPA, entrance exam)

Admission process includes: an orientation lecture, and submission of a packet with documentation/information.

The following items are among the criteria considered in the selection of program applicants:

- 1) Overall college GPA
- 2) Prerequisite GPA
ENGL 1110G Composition I
MATH 1220G College Algebra
PSYC 1110G or SOC 1110G Intro. Psychology or Intro. Sociology
CHEM 1120G Intro. to Chemistry Lecture/Lab
BIOL 1130G or BIOL 2210 Intro A & P or Human A & P I for HS
Note: additional points for the selection process are given for AHS/HIT 120; BIOL 2225; BIOL 2505; COMM 1115G or 1130G; and PHYS 1112 or 1230G. Refer to pre-advising worksheet for point scale.
- 3) Completion of prerequisites
- 4) Entrance test (TEAS)
- 5) County of residence
- 6) Advanced science or math courses
- 7) 2nd/3rd time applicants who have a 3.4 or higher GPA will be given special consideration for class placement. For an outline of application admission process, go to <https://dacc.nmsu.edu/radt/radiologic-technology-admission-process/>.

4. Repeat Policy

Admission into the program is based on points. The majority of the points come from the prerequisites. The program is very competitive and students normally have all A's on program prerequisites. If students retake a course, the higher grade is used toward consideration in the application process.

5. Adjusted Credit Option (ACO) Policy

Adjusted Credit Option GPA will be used if more than 15 hours of adjusted credits are earned. If a student has fewer than 15 hours of adjusted credits, the original GPA and the adjusted credit GPA will be averaged. Prerequisite GPA – the original grade earned will be used (adjusted credit will not apply).

6. General Salary Info

Median hourly earnings for entry-level positions range between \$20 and \$28 per hour, depending on job responsibilities and geographical location.

7. Application Deadline: April 1

8. Number Admitted/Average Number of Students Applying

24 to 25 admitted/average number of students applying 55 to 60.

9. Average GPA of Students Accepted

Fall 2021 cohort range 4.0 to 3.3

10. Accreditation Information

Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)

11. Grades in Program

Radiologic Technology majors MUST earn a "C-" or better in all RADT courses to receive credit for graduation. Course failure (D or F) in any class will result in dismissal from the program. The student may apply for readmission by following the readmission policy guidelines stated in III-G of the DACC Radiologic Technology Program Student Handbook.

Radiologic Program Grading Scale:

100-92 = A 91-83 = B 82-74 = C 73-65 = D 64-0 = F

12. Special Exams

Graduates of the program are eligible to take (and must pass) the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) national certification exam in order to obtain employment in this field. It should be noted that felony or misdemeanor convictions may make a student ineligible to take the ARRT exam.

Many states also require a license to practice as a radiographer in that state. Continuing education is required with both the ARRT and state licenses to retain current certification status.

13. Felony/Misdemeanor

Students convicted of a misdemeanor or felony may be ineligible to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists national certification exam. Certification is

required to work in this field. It is the student's responsibility to petition the ARRT for registry eligibility and to meet the regulations set forth by the ARRT. Contact the program director for additional information.

14. Additional Program Costs

- Immunizations – PPD (TB), MMR, Tdap, Varicella, Hepatitis B series (cost depends on student's insurance) with titer
- Current Health Insurance - All students are required to carry current health insurance for the duration of the program. Costs vary greatly. Students may qualify to remain on their parents' insurance, they may obtain student insurance through NMSU, or they may find a good deal privately.
- TEAS test (approx. \$60)
- Background Check, Drug Screen (approx. \$125 x 2)
- CPR Course (approx. \$45)
- Tuition – <https://dacc.nmsu.edu/admissions/dacc-schedule-of-costs/>
- Textbooks (approx. \$750)
- Uniforms - 5 scrubs, 2 lab coats, 2 pairs of shoes, name tag, shoulder patches, and ID markers (approx. \$300 - 500)
- Instadose dosimetry badge (\$240)
Replacement dosimetry badge if damaged (\$30)
- National Certification Fees (approx. \$250)
- Temporary state license fees after graduation – good for one year (NM \$60, TX \$103)

15. Proficiencies

Students must demonstrate proficiency in speaking, writing, and comprehending college-level English.

16. Other

It is recommended that the female student avoid pregnancy while enrolled in the program for the safety of the unborn child. Pregnancy disclosure is strictly voluntary; however it is recommended that the student inform the program director. (Program requirements must be met regardless of pregnancy).

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